

Application No. 09/730,823

Amendments to the Claims:

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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Withdrawn).
2. (Withdrawn).
3. (Withdrawn).
4. (Withdrawn).
5. (Withdrawn).
6. (Withdrawn).

7. (Currently Amended) A flexible printed board ~~having comprising~~ a polyimide insulating layer furnished on a metal foil, ~~wherein the polyimide insulating layer is being~~ formed by forming a film of a polyamic acid varnish composition on the metal foil, and subsequently imidizing the polyamic acid varnish composition;

wherein:

the polyamic acid varnish composition comprises comprising a polyamic acid obtained by the addition polymerization of an aromatic diamine and an aromatic acid dianhydride, ~~and a solvent, and wherein said polyamic acid varnish composition contains as an additive an imidazolyl-diaminoazine;~~

the imidazolyl-diaminoazine is present at a ratio of 0.1 to 10 wt parts per 100 wt parts polyamic acid; and

the imidazolyl-diaminoazine is selected from the group consisting of:

- ~~2,4-diamino-6-(2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine;~~
- 2,4-diamino-6-(2-(2-ethyl-1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine;
- ~~2,4-diamino-6-(1-(2-undecyl-1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine;~~
- 2,4-diamino-6-(2-(2-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine;
- 2,4-diamino-6-(2-(1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine;

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2,4-diamino-6-(2-ethyl-4-imidazolyl)-s-triazine;
2,4-diamino-6-(2-(4-methyl-1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine;
2,4-diamino-6-(2-ethyl-5-methyl-4-imidazolyl)-s-triazine;
2,4-diamino-6-(4-ethyl-2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)-s-triazine;
2,4-diamino-6-(3-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)propyl)-s-triazine;
2,4-diamino-6-(4-(2-imidazolyl)butyl)-s-triazine;
2,4-diamino-6-(2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)propyl)-s-triazine;
2,4-diamino-6-(1-methyl-2-(2-methyl-1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine;
2,4-diamino-6-(2-(2,5-dimethyl-1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine; and
2,4-diamino-6-(2-(2,4-dimethyl-1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine; ~~and~~
~~2,4-diamino-6-(2-(2-ethyl-4-methyl-1-imidazolyl)ethyl)-s-triazine on the metal foil, followed~~
~~by imidizing.~~

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Added) The flexible printed board according to claim 7, wherein the aromatic diamine is selected from the group consisting of 4,4'-diaminodiphenylether, paraphenylenediamine, 4,4'-diaminobenzanilide, 4,4'-bis(p-aminophenoxy)diphenylsulfone and 2,2-bis[4-(4-aminophenoxy)phenyl]propane.

10. (Previously Added) The flexible printed board according to claim 7, wherein the aromatic acid dianhydride is selected from the group consisting of pyromellitic dianhydride, 3,4,3',4'-biphenyltetracarboxylic dianhydride, 3,4,3',4'-benzophenonetetracarboxylic dianhydride, and 3,4,3',4'-diphenylsulfonetetracarboxylic dianhydride.